

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has added the heading and cross-reference information suggested by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at the appropriate places in the specification.

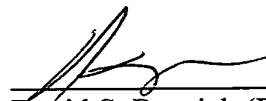
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it is kindly requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney concerning the same to expedite prosecution of this application.

Entry of the foregoing and prompt and favorable consideration of the subject application on the merits are respectfully requested.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE
SPECIFICATION AND THE CLAIMS**

IN THE SPECIFICATION

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a National Phase Entry Application of co-pending International Application PCT/CA00/00775 filed on 28 June 2000 which designated the U.S and which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/140,992, filed 29 June 1999, the content of which is relied upon and incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.